

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

SHELBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

NEW ANTIOCH CHURCH, SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA,

September 13th and 15th, 1879.

OFFICERS :

Elder T. P. HOLCOMBE, Moderator.

Elder C. W. O'HARA, Secretary.

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THE ASSOCIATION convened with New Antioch Church, on Saturday the 13th day of September, 1879.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Dison, from a part of the 20th verse of the 28th chapter of St. Matthew: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

After an intermission of fifteen minutes the delegates assembled in the church and were called to order by the former Moderator, Elder T. P. Holcombe.

Prayer was offered by Elder J. G. Sayers.

Brethren H. C. Reynolds and J. D. Martin were appointed to read. Letters from the churches were read and the names of the delegates enrolled. [See table of statistics.]

The door was opened for the reception of churches, when a petitionary letter was presented by Elder J. W. Wood, and Brethren J. H. Davis and A. H. Davis, as delegates from Rocky Ridge Church. The Church being found orthodox, was received and added to the Second District, the Moderator extending to the delegates the hand of fellowship.

Brethren H. C. Reynolds and J. D. Martin were appointed tellers, who after having received the vote, reported Elder T. P. Holcombe elected Moderator, and Elder C. W. O'Hara, Clerk.

On motion, the order of business of last year was adopted for the present session.

On motion it was ordered that a collection be taken up on Sabbath after the 11 o'clock sermon, to be applied as the Association may direct, except where the donors designate the object. The following committees were appointed:

*On Devotion*—Ransom Lawley, from the first district; J. D. Martin, from the second district, with the deacons of New Antioch Church.

*On Documents*—E. B. Teague, T. B. Dison, and J. W. Dodson.  
*On Finance*—H. C. Reynolds and J. D. Martin.

On motion, a letter from Elder J. H. R. Carden was read, after which it was referred to the Committee on Documents.

On motion, The Abstract of Principles and Rules of Decorum were read.

#### APPOINTED CORRESPONDENTS.

*To the Cahaba Valley Association*—J. H. R. Carden and W. C. Wilder.

*To the Mulberry Association*—J. W. Wood, T. B. Dison and J. G. Sayers.

*To the Canaan Association*—Geo. T. Lee and Thomas Mills.

*To the State Convention*—Elders E. B. Teague, J. G. Sayers, J. W. Wood, I. U. Wilks, C. W. O'Hara, Geo. T. Lee, W. B. Hare, and Brethren H. C. Reynolds, H. W. Bowers and J. D. Martin.

Committee on Devotion reported that Elder J. W. Wood would preach at night.

It was ordered that the next session of the Association be held with Bethesda Church, Elder I. U. Wilks being appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder E. B. Teague alternate; Elder Geo. T. Lee to preach the Missionary Sermon, and Elder C. W. O'Hara alternate.

Adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by the Clerk.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH.

The services of the day were conducted in the order prescribed by the Committee on Devotion. Elder E. B. Teague preached at 11 o'clock from the 7th verse of the 18th chapter of St. Matthews, after which a collection was taken up for Missions, the amount of which will be found in the report of the Committee on Finance.

New Antioch Church having called Elders E. B. Teague, I. U. Wilks, T. P. Holcombe, J. W. Wood and C. W. O'Hara as a Presbytery to ordain Brother Isaac Walker to the Gospel Ministry, the Presbytery proceeded at this hour with the ordination services. Examination by I. U. Wilks; Imposition of Hands by the Presbytery; Prayer by E. B. Teague; Charge by T. P. Holcombe.

Elder I. U. Wilks preached from the 5th verse of the 2nd chapter of First Timothy, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Preaching at night by Elder C. W. O'Hara, from the second verse of the first chapter of the Prophet Haggai.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother J. W. Dodson.



On motion, a call was made for the letters of those churches not represented on Saturday.

The roll was called and absentees noted.

The door was opened for the reception of churches, when a petition was presented by T. L. McGuire and T. M. Fancher, as delegates from Cahaba Valley Church, petitioning for restoration. The church being found orthodox was received into the Association, the Moderator extending to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

On motion of Elder I. U. Wilkes the custom of reading the minutes of the preceding session, at the opening of each session, was adopted, and the minutes of Saturday's session read.

Correspondence being called for Brother R. Owen, a member of the Mulberry Association, being present, was, on motion, recognized as a messenger from that Association.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was read, and after some appropriate remarks in reference to Missions, by Elders E. B. Teague, I. U. Wilks and T. B. Dison, was adopted and the committee discharged. [See Appendix A.]

On motion, it was ordered that the Report on Missions be sent to the *Alabama Baptist* for publication.

The Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read, and after some discussion by Elders I. U. Wilks, E. B. Teague, and C. W. O'Hara, and Brethren H. W. Bowers and J. D. Martin, was adopted. [See Appendix B.]

The Report of the Committee on Documents was called for. The Committee reported having no data from which to report; hence no report was made.

Brother H. C. Reynolds, who was appointed on the Committee on Finance, being absent, Brother T. M. Fancher was appointed in his place.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted. [See Appendix C.]

The following resolution was offered by Elder E. B. Teague:

RESOLVED, That the Association approve of the ALABAMA BAPTIST as a sound Baptist paper, and recommend it to the confidence and patronage of our membership.

The following query was offered by Brother M. E. B. Jones:

QUERY—Would it be consistent with gospel order for an ordained minister, with a number of brethren and sisters, while holding a meeting of days, to hear the experiences of those who may profess faith in Christ—the minister baptise them, and he together with the brethren and sisters give them a certificate of recommendation to any church of the Missionary Baptist faith and order?

ANSWER—Ordinarily it is inexpedient, but exceptional cases may arise.

On motion it was ordered that the amount collected on Sabbath be sent to the Home Mission Board at Marion, Alabama.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk have 330 copies of these Minutes printed; reserve thirty copies for correspondence; transcribe the present minutes in the Association book, and that he receive \$12.50 for his services.

RESOLVED, That we greatly appreciate the generous hospitality of the church and community during our sojourn among them.

After singing a parting hymn, while the delegates extended to each other and the congregation the parting hand, and prayer by Elder I. U. Wilks, the Association adjourned *sine die*.

T. P. HOLCOMBE, *Moderator*.

C. W. O'HARA, *Clerk*.



#### [APPENDIX A.]

## Report of the Committee on Missions.



The Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following Report:

Neither argument nor exhortation is perhaps demanded in a Report on Missions. It may be sufficient merely to state that the denomination at large is carrying on Missions successfully in China and Italy abroad, and at prominent places and centers of population, and among the Indians in the West, at home; but neither the Foreign Board nor the Home Board is sustained as it ought to be. State Boards, in most of the States, are superseding the work of the Home Boards, in attempting to supply destitution in their immediate borders. How far this policy is expedient is a grave question.

The State Boards, beginning for the most part in the appointment of one or more Sunday School Evangelists, have enlarged their work to an extensive itinerancy. The question brought up by this fact assumes the shape of a choice between the pastoral system, largely substituting therefor an itinerancy similar to that of our Methodist brethren. Doubtless the two may be combined, if the latter trench not too far on the former, and be so managed as to reach the destitution of the country.

Meanwhile, no valid objection can be raised to such churches as choose to provide a support for evangelists who shall supplement the work of pastors, where desired, and preach as much as may be to pastorless churches and destitute regions of every kind in their reach. Those hitherto appointed have been in great demand for such supplementary work, and have not failed to supply much destitution in some quarters. They have held a good many protracted meetings, attended with success. Such is a very imperfectly outlined view of the status of Missionary affairs as they at present exist.

Respectfully,

E. B. TEAGUE, *Chairman*.

## [APPENDIX B.]

## Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.



The study of the Holy Scriptures, with a view to enlighten the mind in reference to its relations to God, as well as to other great and important questions, is the solemn duty of the race. The Sunday School is intended to promote such study. The object being in all respects laudable and commendable, it is thought to be reasonable to say that there ought to be a Sunday School in every church in our bounds. The exercises and benefits of the Sunday School should not be considered restricted to the children. All old and young should be interested in it. We would recommend the use of *KIND WORDS*, published at Macon, Ga., as these lessons are sound expositions of the Sacred Word, and thoroughly Baptistie—forming a safe and reliable Sunday School literature worthy of our patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

I. U. WILKS, Chairman.

## [APPENDIX C.]

## Report of the Committee on Finance.



We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report :

Amount sent for Minutes .....	\$16 00
Amount sent for Associational purposes.....	8 50
Amount sent by New Antioch Church for State Evangelist.....	70
Amount sent by Dogwood Grove Church for State Evangelist.....	2 00
Amount sent by Mt. Calvary Church for State Evangelist.....	1 00
Amount paid by Miss Mary Lyman for Home Missions.....	1 00
Amount collected on Sabbath for Home Missions.....	3 30

Total amount paid in.....	<u>\$32 50</u>
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Amount paid by Helena Church to District Evangelist.....	10 00
Amount paid by Helena Church to Corresponding Secretary.....	3 50
Amount pledged by Helena Church to District Evangelist.....	20 00
Amount paid by Bethesda Church to Indian Missions.....	3 50
Amount paid by Montevallo Sunday School to Home Missions.....	5 00

Total.....	<u>\$42 00</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

J. D. MARTIN,  
T. M. FANCHER,  
Committee.



## District Meetings.



The District meeting for the First District will be held with Cahaba Valley Church, on Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in November, 1879.

### SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. Mutual obligation of Church and community to support the Gospel Ministry.
2. Relation and mutual duties of Church and Pastor.

The District Meeting for the Second District will be held with Bethesda Church, on Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in July, 1880.

### PROGRAMME :

1. Sermon on the Doctrine of Election, by Elder J. H. R. Carden.
2. What did the Saviour intend to teach by washing the Disciples' feet? J. H. R. Carden, E. B. Teague, T. P. Holcombe, W. W. Armstrong, and J. D. Martin, speakers.
3. The importance of Family Worship and the obligations resting upon Christian parents to maintain it. J. G. Sayers, C. W. O'Hara, J. W. Wood, M. E. B. Jones and J. C. Lyon, speakers.
4. Sermon on Sunday by Elder E. B. Teague.

# STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Post Office.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Baptised.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Minutes and associations
1ST DISTRICT.												
Calhoun Valley...			T L McGuire, T M Fancher—with- out letter.....	2	9	2	...	2	...	...	130	\$1 00
Dogwood Grove	T. B. Dison.....	Montevallo....	J Holsonback, W Lovelady, E Wal- ker, J McLaughley, R Lawley .....	1	2	5	...	2	1	...	40	1 50
Montevallo.....	E. B. Teague.....	Montevallo....	I U Wilks 1, T B Dison 1, W B Hare 1, 2	4	19	3	3	...	...	...	77	2 50
New Antioch.....	I. Walker.....	Montevallo....	I Walker 1, J Thrasher, J & E Booth	1	2	8	4	7	...	2	55	2 00
Union. (Shelby)...	Geo. T. Lee.....	Helena.....	G T Lee 1, H W Bowers, J Lucas.....	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	3 00
2ND DISTRICT.												
Bethesda.....	C. W. O'Hara.....	Wilsonville. ...	W W Armstrong 1, 2, C W O'Hara 1, J R Ray 2, J C Lyon 2, J M Crenshaw 2	4	10	2	1	19	3	...	90	3 00
Beaver Creek.....	J. H. R. Carden.....	Columbiana ...	J G Sayers 1, 2, J A Gould 2, W E Seale 2	1	...	4	1	3	...	...	22	1 50
Columbiana .....	E. B. Teague.....	Columbiana ...	E B Teague 1, G R Vasser 2.....	2	1	1	...	5	...	...	17	50
Hopewell .....	C. W. O'Hara.....	Columbiana ...	M E B Jones, L Armstrong 2, C L May 2	2	5	1	...	1	2	3	43	1 00
Mt. Calvary .....	C. W. O'Hara.....	Columbiana ...	Letter and funds forwarded to Clerk...	3	6	1	...	3	1	...	53	2 50
Liberty .....	T. P. Holcombe...	Columbiana ...	T P Holcombe 1, J W Dodson, J L Bradshaw, J A Adams, J D Martin, M B Chesser.....	1	18	2	2	15	2	...	143	5 00
Rocky Ridge.....	J. H. R. Carden.....	Columbiana ...	J W Wood 1, J H Davis, A H Davis.....	2	1	3	...	...	...	1	19	1 00

Ordained ministers marked 1; absentees marked 2.

NOTE.—Union (Bibb) having become extinct, and Bellview dissolved, their names are dropped from the list.  
Rocky Ridge Church was constituted with sixteen members, March 9th, 1879.



